**National Commission for children**

408. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to set up National Commission for Children and National Charter for Children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) The proposals to set up a National Commission for Children and to adopt the National Charter for Children are under consideration of the Government.

**NGOs in the country**

409. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details on the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the country under his Ministry, State-wise; and

(b) the total financial assistance provided to them during the past three years, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) and (b) The Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) do not function under the Ministry of Human Resource Development or any other Government Department. However, this Ministry provides financial assistance to NGOs throughout the country under various schemes. State-wise details of NGOs receiving grants of Rs. One-lakh and above are given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry.

**Comprehensive Education Scheme for disabled children**

410. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J.PANDA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to frame a Comprehensive Education Scheme for the benefit of millions of disabled children in the country;

(b) if so, the brief details of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 1.8 per cent of children with disabilities go to the schools and there is no scheme to attract these handicapped children to education; and

(d) if so, the time-frame within which the scheme would be finalised and put into practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the integration of disabled children in the regular schools. This Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) which has the primary objective of integration of mild to moderately disabled child in regular school has been providing various facilities to disabled children. The response to the Scheme has been encouraging. Under IEDC scheme, benefits of transport allowances, expenses on books, stationery and uniforms, readers allowance in case of blind children after class V, escort allowance, cost of equipment, attendant for severely orthopaedically handicapped children, boarding and lodging charges for disabled children residing in school hostels are extended to disabled children. Under this scheme, more than two lakh disabled children have benefited till the last financial year.

**Professional colleges running medical and engineering courses**

411. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government professional colleges running medical and engineering courses;

(b) the number of private registered colleges running professional courses;

(c) what procedure is maintained to regulate admission processes in the private medical or engineering colleges; and

(d) how many new colleges will be set up during the current financial year and how many of them have been set up uptil now in this year (names of the colleges and the States required)?